



# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Florence 3 School District  
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 3,743  
 Superintendent: Beth M. Wright  
 Board Chair: Mr. Richard Cook

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	CA-HOLD
2007	Below Average	Excellent	N/A	Not Met	CA
2006	At-Risk	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	CA

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	2	7	11

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Districts with Students like Ours are Districts with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

## PACT

PACT	2008 Reading % Basic and above	2008 Math % Basic and above	2008 Science % Basic and above	2008 Social Studies % Basic and above
District	61.8%	59.7%	47.5%	60.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	60.9%	59.2%	46.9%	54.2%
Average District	76.0%	76.0%	67.4%	71.3%

PACT	2008 Reading % Proficient & Advanced	2008 Math % Proficient & Advanced	2008 Science % Proficient & Advanced	2008 Social Studies % Proficient & Advanced
District	21.2%	20.5%	18.7%	22.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	20.9%	17.2%	17.6%	17.3%
Average District	37.6%	35.1%	36.4%	34.7%

## HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtests (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	80.1%	13.1%	6.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	70.0%	15.8%	14.2%

## HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2008 (%)

District	93.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	88.7%

## End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	39.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	45.6%

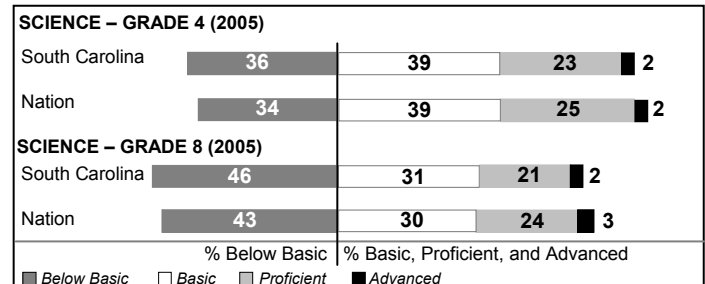
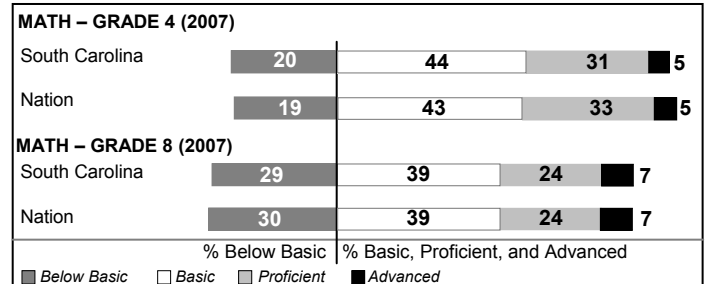
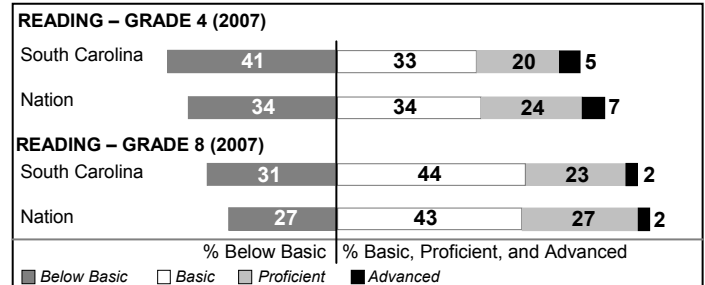
## On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	81.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	72.8%

\*\* Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

## NAEP\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



## SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

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## DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>Students (n=3,743)</b>				
Retention rate	5.0%	Down from 5.1%	5.4%	4.0%
Attendance rate	95.0%	Down from 95.4%	95.3%	95.6%
Eligible for gifted and talented	10.6%	No Change	6.0%	11.4%
With disabilities other than speech	14.7%	Down from 14.9%	10.6%	10.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	1.4%	Down from 1.6%	1.1%	0.8%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	8.0%	Down from 8.4%	6.0%	10.3%
Successful on AP/IB exams	27.3%	N/A	23.7%	56.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	32.1%	Up from 31.7%	25.9%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	108	Up from 41	37	48
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	44	Down from 50	15	27
Annual dropout rate	2.0%	Down from 9.7%	4.3%	3.8%
<b>Teachers (n=258)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	40.3%	Down from 44.0%	53.0%	54.8%
Continuing contract teachers	55.0%	Down from 69.6%	64.9%	73.9%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	11.0%	Up from 6.0%	14.3%	5.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	80.1%	Down from 84.1%	84.2%	88.8%
Teacher attendance rate	94.1%	No Change	94.6%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$41,639	Down 0.7%	\$42,844	\$45,107
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.4%	Down from 1.2%	1.3%	0.5%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.0%	Down from 4.3%	7.4%	2.5%
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	7.0	Up from 6.0	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.8 to 1	Down from 20.9 to 1	18.7 to 1	20.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.6%	Down from 87.9%	87.9%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$9,097	Up 11.6%	\$9,684	\$8,666
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	47.8%	Down from 51.7%	48.3%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	52.1%	Down from 54.9%	52.4%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	8	No Change	5	9
Portable classrooms	16.5%	Up from 8.1%	4.6%	4.3%
Average age in years of school facilities	31 Years	No Change	31 Years	26 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	2.0	No Change	4.0	8.0
Average administrator salary	\$70,131	Down 0%	\$71,370	\$76,032
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	60.0%		57.5%	69.7%

\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
There are no charter schools in this district.			

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

As we look back on the 2007-2008 school year, Florence County School District Three has a long list of reasons to be proud of our students and staff.

Some of the 2007-2008 highlights include J. C. Lynch Elementary School and Olanta Elementary School both meeting Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) under the federal No Child Left Behind Act. Scranton Elementary School meeting 16 (94%) of its 17 objectives, and Main Street Elementary meeting 10 of 13 (77%) objectives.

Lake City High School is one of 33 high schools in the state to earn a Palmetto Gold award from the State Department of Education. Lake City High received \$21,133 for its students' academic achievements. Five eighth grade students from Ronald E. McNair and J. Paul Truluck middle schools were identified as 2007-2008 South Carolina Junior Scholars. Two Lake City High School seniors were named South Carolina Teaching Fellows.

Florence County School District Three joined community partners including the South Carolina Department of Commerce, Freddie Mac, and HOPE worldwide South Carolina to formally open the Florence County School District Technology Center in Lake City. The Technology Center serves as a comprehensive one-stop facility providing area youth and adults access to technology and educational resources.

Lake City High School seniors were awarded a total of \$1,507,800 in college scholarships; and employees at two Florence County School District Three schools received their bonuses for the 2006-2007 school year for improved student achievement under the schools' Teacher Advancement Program (TAP). Four Lake City High School students were named Palmetto Fellows in 2007-2008.

We have a lot to be excited about in Florence School District Three and look forward to continuing our successes next year with our students, staff, Board of Trustees, parents, and the communities we serve.

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